

# **LARKHALL BAPTIST CHURCH SCIO**

TRUSTEE REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

Scottish Charity Number SC052366

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# **LARKHALL BAPTIST CHURCH SCIO**

## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

**Pastor**  
Rev Alasdair Scott

### **Trustees**

Mr Kenneth Ball	elected March 2025
Mrs Jean Grenfell	elected March 2023
Mrs Heather Higgins	elected March 2023
Mr Stuart Hastie	elected March 2023
Mr Pete Fox	elected March 2022 to March 2025
Ms Kate Thomas	elected March 2023
Mrs Elizabeth Law	elected March 2023
Mr Ian Gray	elected March 2023
Mr Jonathan Geddes	elected March 2023

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# LARKHALL BAPTIST CHURCH SCIO

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the church for the year ended 31st December 2025

### Status of Charity and Governing Document

Larkhall Baptist Church is established by Constitution. The church is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (No. SC052366) and is recognised by the Inland Revenue under reference number ST05394

### Charitable Purposes and Affiliation

The aims of the Church, which is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Scotland, are the advancement of the Christian faith primarily in Larkhall, but also throughout Scotland and the rest of the world by all means consistent with the Christian Bible and the support of agencies, individuals and other charitable organisations involved in Christian missionary work and the relief of poverty or other social needs.

### Trustees and Office Bearers

The Church is congregational in policy and its day to day running is undertaken by the Office Bearers and the Church Leadership (The Trustees). The Church Leadership comprises Pastor, Deacons and Office Bearers. The Office Bearers and Trustees who served for any period during the year were as follows

Trustees	-	Alasdair Scott, Kenneth Ball, Jean Grenfell, Stuart Hastie, Elizabeth Law, Kate Thomas, Ian Gray, Jonathan Geddes, Heather Higgins
Administrator	-	Kenneth Ball,
Treasurer	-	Elizabeth Law

### Church Leadership at 31 December 2025

Deacons	-	Elizabeth Law, Jean Grenfell, Heather Higgins, Kate Thomas Ian Gray, Stuart Hastie, Jonathan Geddes
Pastor	-	Alasdair Scott
Administrator	-	Kenneth Ball

### Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are nominated for appointment by the Church congregation. Appointees are subject to periodic re-election, normally every three years.

Prior to their appointment, new Trustees would have served the church in various roles and would be familiar with the church's values, its aims and objectives as well as its day to day operations. As part of their induction programme, new Trustees are required to understand their statutory obligations.

### Achievements and Performance

During the year the Church met for worship and carried out various activities in pursuit of the above stated aims

Worship Services were made available by Online provision for those whom meeting in the building is not possible. Significant highlights, events and developments of note in the year include the following:-

In relation to activities:

**The following Young Peoples Groups meet in our Church under the auspices of the Church and whose leaders are attached to the Church.**

Kid's Church - Primary Age, Toddler Church - pre school age, Bible Class - Teens

Girls Brigade

Rainbow Toddler Group - open to mother and toddlers in the community each Wednesday morning.

Messy Church - open to all families in the community monthly on a Sunday afternoon

■ **During the year, the following activities happened**

- \* Regular Sunday Morning Worship Services
- \* Regular in person prayer gatherings and also Zoom gatherings held
- \* Community Groups meet regularly in homes to study and pray
- \* We collected items for the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal in November
- \* We collected food items for two local school 'Panties' available to families as needed
- \* Our Children & Family Worker ran activities such as Craft Activities, Pancake Breakfasts
- \* We hosted the annual Gala Day BBQ for everyone in the community
- \* We hosted a Mens Breakfast in partnership with Hope Community Church Blackwood.
- \* A holiday Club for primary school children was held before the schools returned in August
- \* Supper with Santa was held for parents and children of the community
- \* Our Girls Brigade held their Annual Pancake evening open to all families
- \* Regional Scripture Union Group meet for prayer and updates on our premises
- \* The Pastor and Children & Family Worker are involved in three local schools to holding assemblies etc. and have developed this
- \* Primary Schools visited the church for end of term services, Transition Days, Christmas, Easter events
- \* A monthly Happy Hour group for older folk with guest speakers and tea/coffee and home baking
- \* We joined with other churches for joint services at Christmas and New Year
- \* as well as hosting our own services to celebrate Easter and Christmas.
- \* A weekly Art Group, Dance Exercise, Indoor Bowling Group, Alcoholics Anonymous Group meet in our hall
- \* Our building is made available to the community for events such as childrens birthday parties, community events
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**In relation to Finances:**

- We collected to support the Baptist Mission Society Harvest Appeal £178
- We gave to support tearfund project in Bhurkina Faso £1800
- We gave donations to the local Larkhall Christians Together of £1200
- We supported individuals within our church family and community with financial help £750
  
- We received donations from organisations, groups and individuals of £5009

**In Relation to Future Plans**

- Discussions have been initiated to partner with CAP (Christians Against Poverty) and two other churches in the town to operate as a satellite to the Debt Centre based in Wishaw. Discussion are at an early stage but we see benefit in being part of this.
- Looking at the possibility of our Children and Family Work to start some form of provision to the families at a local Community Hub
- Considering looking to engage someone who can develop the Worship Ministry.

# LARKHALL BAPTIST CHURCH SCIO

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

### Financial review

#### *Principal sources of funding*

The church receives its funding from church members by way of weekly offerings and regular giving subject to Gift Aid

#### *Results for the year*

The financial statements for the year are set out in pages 6 to 8

#### *Reserves*

It is the policy of the church to maintain unrestricted funds, i.e. funds not committed or invested in fixed assets, at a level which equates to approximately three months unrestricted expenditure. This allows sufficient funds to enable ongoing work of the church to be maintained. The General and Vision Funds at 31st December 2025 amounted to £216,349 (2024 £267,085) and this was above the required level.

Total reserves, including the net book value of fixed assets and balances on restricted funds amounted to £ 296,973 (2024 £ 350,166).

#### *Grant Making Policy*

The church makes grants from its tithed gift income to individuals and organisations that are generally known to the Trustees and the church. The beneficiaries are involved in activities or ministries compatible with the church's objectives.

#### *Trustees' Responsibilities*

Under legislation relating to charities in Scotland, the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the church's affairs and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its surplus or deficit for that year, and which have been properly prepared from and are in agreement with the accounting records of the church and comply with relevant disclosure requirements.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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| § | select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently  |
| § | make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent   |
| § | prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the church will continue its activities. |

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the church's financial position and enable the Trustees to ensure that the financial statements comply with Section 5 of the Law reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 flowing therefrom. The Trustees also have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the church's assets and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



Elizabeth Law  
Treasurer

## LARKHALL BAPTIST CHURCH SCIO

### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 8

#### Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiners

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of Independent Examiners' Statement

This report is in respect of an examination carried out under regulation 11. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trustees and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes a review of the financial statements and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purposes of this report. The procedures undertaken do not constitute an audit.

#### Examiners' Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

\* to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and

\* to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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## RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Offerings	0	80414	80414	84135
Donations	0	5187	5187	5452
Legacies	0	0	0	0
Interest received		4145	4145	7357
Sundry	0	1923	1923	312
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91668</b>	<b>91668</b>	<b>97256</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Ministerial	0	60635	60635	58802
Other operating expenses	0	20519	20519	21524
Baptist Union of Scotland	0	2985	2985	2585
Donations	0	4128	4128	3242
Property and equipment	0	56594	56594	3556
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>144861</b>	<b>144861</b>	<b>89709</b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR YEAR</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-53193</b>	<b>-53193</b>	<b>7547</b>

### Movement in Cash Balances

Balance at start of year	3081	267085	270166	262619
Surplus / Deficit for year (per above)		<b>-53193</b>	<b>-53193</b>	<b>7547</b>
Permitted fund transfers	-2457	2457	0	0
Balance at end of year	<b>624</b>	<b>216349</b>	<b>216973</b>	<b>270166</b>



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## STATEMENT OF BALANCES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Property - Church	note 3 80,000	80,000
Property - Manse	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	80,000	80,000
Fixtures & Fittings	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Plant & Machinery	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Fixed Assets	80,000	80,000
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash & Bank	<u>216,973</u>	<u>270,166</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	296,973	350,166
 REPRESENTED BY:		
ALL FUNDS	note 1 216,973	270,166
REVALUATION RESERVE	note 3 80,000	80,000
TOTAL FUNDS & RESERVES	<u>296,973</u>	<u>350,166</u>

Approved by the Trustees  
and signed on their behalf

Signed

Elizabeth Law

Elizabeth Law  
Treasurer/Trustee

Signed

Kenneth Ball

Kenneth Ball  
Administrator

# LARKHALL BAPTIST CHURCH SCIO

## Notes to the Financial Statements - for the year ended 31st December 2025

### Note 1 Summary of Funds

<u>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</u>			2025	2024
			£	£
	GENERAL	VISION	TOTAL	TOTAL
Balance brought forward @ 01 January 2025	51833	215252	267,085	259,573
Surplus/Deficit for the year	-53193	0	-53,193	7,547
Permitted transfers to/from Restricted Funds	2457	0	2,457	-34
Transfers within Unrestricted Funds	44940	-44940	-	-
Balance carried forward @ 31 December 2025	46037	170312	216,349	267,086

  

<u>RESTRICTED FUNDS</u>			2025	2024
			£	£
	PROPERTY		TOTAL	TOTAL
Balance brought forward @ January 2025	3081		3,081	3,047
Surplus/Deficit for the year	0		-	-
Transfer (to) / from General Fund	-2457		-2,457	34
Balance carried forward @ 31 December 2025	624		624	3,081

  

<b>All Funds Total Balance @ 31 December 2025</b>			<b>216,973</b>	<b>270,167</b>
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### Note 2 Accounting Policies

#### **Basis of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments cash basis

#### **Church Income**

All voluntary income, bank interest, tax recovery from Gift Aid is accounted for when received.

#### **Fixed Assets**

Heritable property and the church's fixtures and fittings are stated at the Trustees' estimate of market value at the balance sheet date. No depreciation is charged on the church's heritable property, fixtures and fittings. Equipment purchased for the church is written off in the Income & Expenditure Account at the time of purchase.

#### **Statement of Financial Activities**

For the purpose of the Statement of Financial Activities as shown on page 6 to 8, funds are defined as follows:

**Unrestricted funds** comprise gifts and other income received for the objects of the church without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

**Restricted funds** comprise income which has been received for the objects of the church and specified for a restricted purpose within these objects by the donor.

### Note 3 Fixed Assets

Notwithstanding the £56,594 (2024: £3,566) expended on property during the year, the Trustees consider this is kitchen update and maintenance expenditure to protect the life of the Property assets, and consider it both appropriate not to recognise any enhancement to Fixed Asset carrying value, and prudent to write-off the cost in the year incurred.

### Note 4 Transactions with Trustees

Gross remuneration and expenses, including employer pension contributions, paid to or on behalf of Trustees during the year, amounted to £60,635 (2024 £58,802).

This was in respect of Children and Family Worker salary and Pastor's stipend and not in relation to the role of Trustee